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Subject: PIN comments on RDA Stormwater NPDES Petition

Thelma,

We have reviewed the RDA NPDES Stormwater Petition (July 10, 2013) by American Rivers, Conservation Law Foundation, and Natural Resources Defense Council which petitions EPA for a determination that stormwater discharges from commercial, industrial, and institutional sites contribute to water quality standards violations and require Clean Water Act Permits. The Penobscot Indian Nation supports this petition as we believe that it will help with improving water quality in Penobscot Reservation waters, as well as waters throughout the state. While point source discharges are the most significant contributions leading to most of the water quality standard violations listed in the petition for the Penobscot River, stormwater also contributes to this non-attainment. We believe the implementation of NPDES permitting for those commercial, industrial, and institutional sites that are contributing to the non-attainment will allow for our waters to be restored.

Thank you for the opportunity provided by this consultation.

Sincerely,
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